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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT OF MAAG TRANSITION
WITH QUAI OFFICER. HIS INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT THERE
SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH THE CHANGE IN MAAG STATUS.
QUAI OFFICER WAS CONCERNED THAT THIS ACTION MIGHT IN
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SOME WAY AFFECT THE STATUS OF THE FRENCH MILITARY MISSION

IN WASHINGTON. EMBOFF ASSURED HIM THAT WE HAD NO REPEAT NO INDICATION THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY IMPACT WHATSOEVER ON FRENCH MILITARY MISSION IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF RAISED INFORMALLY THE IMPENDING TERMINATION OF MAAG FRANCE AND ITS TRANSITION TO A NEW STATUS WITH LAPORTE (OFFICE OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT). EMBOFF SHOWED LAPORTE PARA B OF REF C WHICH IS UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF HOW NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AFFECTS MAAGS AROUND THE WORLD. EMBOFF THEN POINTED OUT THAT MAAG FRANCE OPERATED UNDER AEGIS OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE 1950 AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL DEFENSE, AS DOES THE FRENCH "MISSION TECHNIQUE DE L'ARMAMENT" IN WASHINGTON. EMBOFF NOTED THAT MAAG FRANCE WAS NOW STAFFED BY THREE US MILITARY OFFICERS OF COLONEL AND CAPTAIN RANK, ONE US CIVILIAN SECRETARY, AND A FEW ENLISTED PERSONNEL. UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION THREE OFFICERS MAY BE ASSIGNED TO EMBASSIES. THUS WE ANTICIPATE NO CHANGE IN THE ACTUAL SITUATION OF THE OFFICE.

3. LAPORTE QUERIED AS TO WHAT THE NAME OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION WOULD BE. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT WE DID NOT YET KNOW BUT WOULD BE INFORMING FRENCH IN DUE COURSE. LAPORTE THEN ASKED IF THE NEW LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE FRENCH MILITARY MISSION IN WASHINGTON AND REQUIRE ANY CHANGE IN ITS STATUS UNDER THE 1950 AGREEMENT OR ANY REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN NEW LEGISLATION OR IN MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON WHICH INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY IMPACT ON FOREIGN MILITARY MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO

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WASHINGTON AND THAT EMBOFF WAS PERSONALLY CONFIDENT
THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE. LAPORTE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
RESPONSE WITH SATISFACTION AND SAID THAT HIS FIRST PER-
SONAL REACTION WAS THAT HE WOULD ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY
IN THE CHANGE. HE STATED THAT IN SOME COUNTRIES WHERE
US MAAGS ARE OF SIGNIFICANT SIZE IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL,
THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFICULTIES BUT AT THE MOMENT HE COULD
FORESEE NONE AFFECTING THE SITUATION OF MAAG FRANCE. IN
CLOSING LAPORTE ADDED THAT THE OFFICE OF PACTS SHARES
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SUBJECT WITH THE OFFICE OF
AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND THAT SHOULD WE WISH TO MAKE ANY
OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION ON THIS SUBJECT, WE SHOULD CONTACT
THAT OFFICE DIRECTLY.

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4. COMMENT: WHILE LAPORTE'S LAST STATEMENT INDICATES
THAT OFFICE OF PACTS WILL NOT HAVE PRIME ACTION ON
IMPENDING CHANGE, HIS FIRST REACTION THAT THERE SHOULD
BE NO PROBLEMS IN THE TRANSITION IS A FAVORABLE ONE.
WE DO NOT PLAN TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH QUAI AGAIN
UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTED BY WASHINGTON IN RESPONSE TO
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